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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Top Mark Farm was an interesting structure prior to its being allowed to fall into ruin. It is composed of a two story brick part with a two story frame part. Behind (north) of the latter part is a one story hyphen and another two story section. The frame sections of the building appear to have been constructed around the turn of this century.

The brick portion of the building is laid in Common bond and lacks both water table and belt course. On the west gable is a brick chimney which is not part of the original structure.

Both sides are identical, with two windows, and a door with small porch on the first floor and three windows above. There is a corbeled brick cornice. The windows originally had 6/6 sash and louvered shutters.

The interior is divided into small stair hall with room on each side. The trim is very plain. An interesting ladder exists to the attic which is a finished room.

On closer examination it was found that the brickwork on the front and back of the house is different above the second floor level. On the gables the outline of a gambrel roof is discernible. On the inside the west wall has several broken bricks visible where the original interior chimney was removed to make the room larger during the major remodeling.

The original floor plan was probably "hall and parlor" with the west side being the hall.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is an interesting vernacular structure, both originally and the way it was enlarged and remodeled.

It is of interest because it is a late example of the use of the gambrel roof, having been built around 1810 and it is of interest because it did not remain in that form very long for the corbeled cornice is usually associated with buildings of the 1820's and 1830's.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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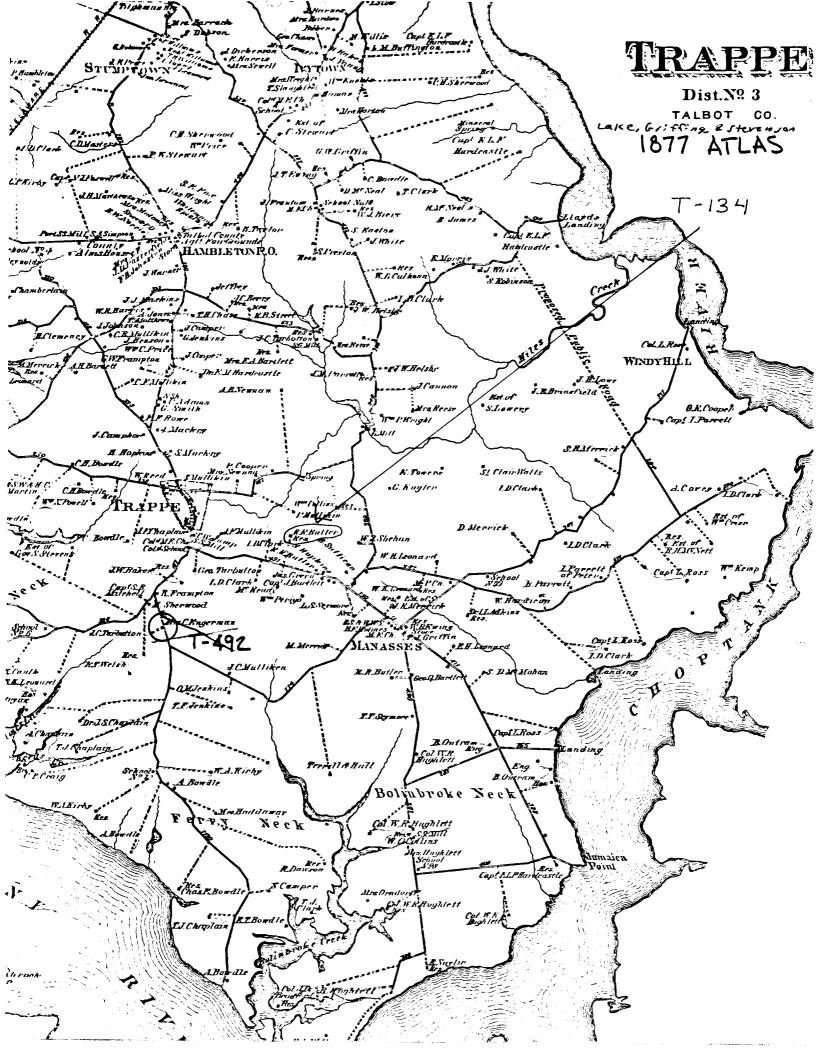
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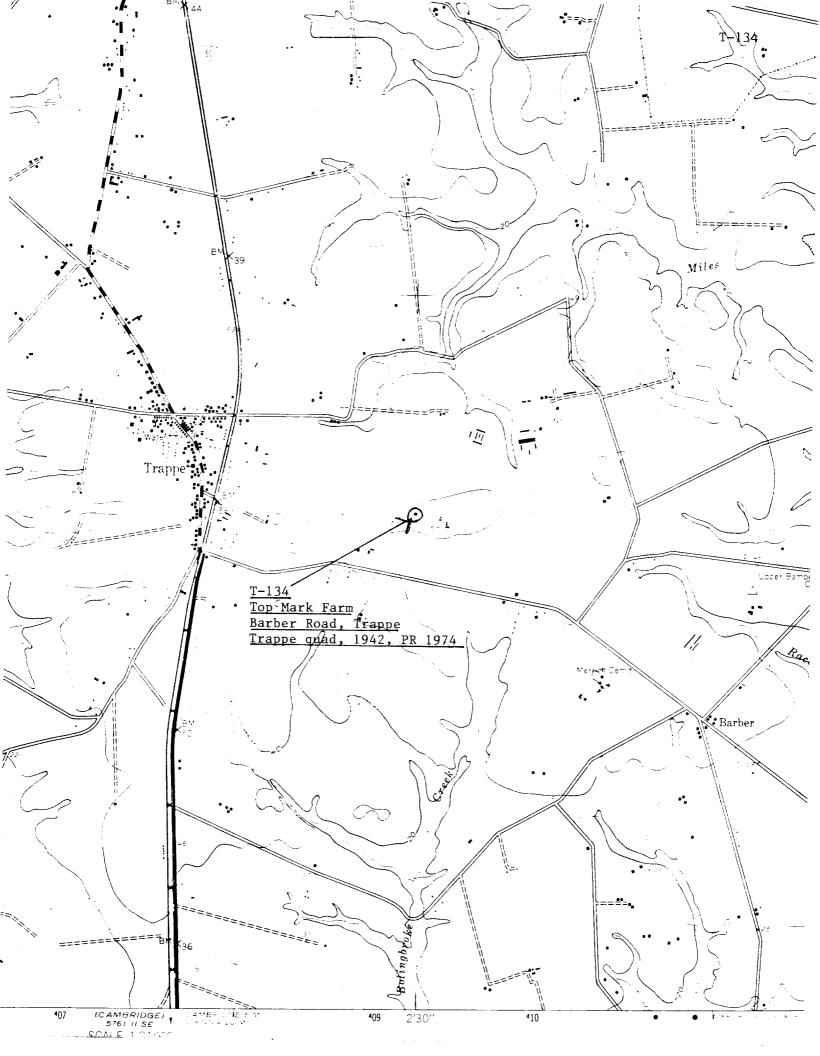
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